

# NEVADA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS MEDICAID, NEVADA ✓ CHECK UP

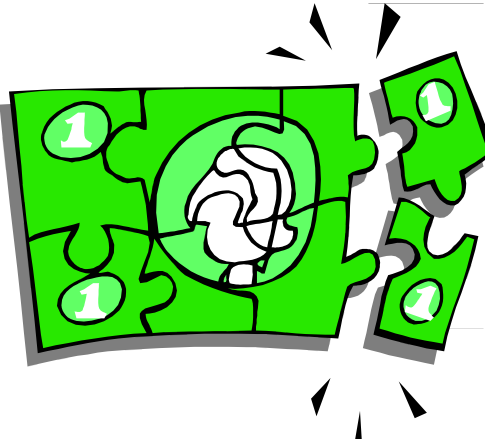
**Medicaid** is a health care program for people with low incomes and limited assets. The Nevada Department of Human Resources offers medical coverage through a number of programs for individuals and families. Some of this coverage is at no cost to families and some requires a small fee. The services provided may include hospital services, doctor visits, prescriptions, dental care, eye exams and glasses, therapies, and etc.

Some of the ways a family can receive Medicaid benefits include:

- Medicaid coverage for persons who qualify to receive cash assistance (Temporary Aid to Needy Families — TANF). Families may choose to receive medical benefits only.
- Medicaid coverage for persons who cannot receive TANF or assistance through *Nevada ✓ Check Up* due to income from an individual who is not their parent or spouse.
- Emergency medical assistance on a month to month basis for all illegal or other non-citizens not covered in other eligible categories. These applicants must meet TANF or CHAP (Child Health Assurance Program) requirements except for citizenship.
- Medicaid may be provided for the first year of life for any newborn of a Medicaid eligible pregnant woman, regardless of income changes.
- TANF medical coverage is available up to three (3) months prior to the TANF application if the child and family received medical services during this time. Eligibility is determined on a month-by-month basis.
- Medical assistance when TANF ends is available as follows:
  - Medicaid assistance continues for up to twelve (12) months for households which become ineligible for TANF assistance due to increased earned income of the caretaker.

→ Medicaid assistance continues for up to four (4) months for households which become ineligible for TANF assistance due to child support collected through the agency.

For more information ask your service coordinator or call the local community resource number on the back of this sheet.



***Nevada ✓ Check Up*** is a State Children's Health Insurance Program that provides affordable, comprehensive health care coverage to uninsured children of low-income families who are not covered by private insurance or Medicaid. The goal of *Nevada ✓ Check Up* is to provide preventive and comprehensive health care coverage for Nevada's uninsured children whose family income is too high for them to qualify for Medicaid.

**Medical Assistance for the Aged, Blind and Disabled (MAABD)** is a medical services only program. A person can qualify by being eligible for a public assistance program such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Other categories of eligible persons are:

- Disabled children who require medical facility care, but can appropriately be cared for at home (see the Katie Beckett Fact Sheet)
- Aged or physically disabled individuals who require medical facility care, but can appropriately be cared for at home (Home and Community-Based Waivers)
- Certain individuals who have lost SSI eligibility, but would still be eligible if some of their income were disregarded (Public Law Cases)

**If you have questions about ANY of these programs or services ask your service coordinator to assist you.**

# Income Guidelines for Medicaid, *Nevada Check✓ Up*, and the Child Health Assurance Program (CHAP)

## Medicaid

Once determined eligible, Medicaid coverage begins from the date you first apply. It is possible to get coverage for the three months prior to your application date. Ask your service coordinator or Medicaid caseworker about this.

The monthly income guidelines to determine eligibility are based on 100% of the federal poverty guideline if the child is over six years, and 133% of the poverty guideline if the child is under six.

Family Size	Poverty Level	
	100%	133%
2	\$ 968	\$1,285
3	\$1,219	\$1,622
4	\$1,470	\$1,956
5	\$1,723	\$2,291

## Child Health Assurance Program (CHAP)

The Child Health Assurance Program (CHAP) provides Medicaid coverage to pregnant women and children under age six, including unborns, with income below 133% of poverty; and to children age six or older with income below 100% of poverty. These children are also eligible for "Healthy Kids" services, a program which provides preventive health care such as immunizations, yearly physicals and referrals for health problems of Medicaid eligible infants, children and young adults.

"Healthy Kids" can provide referrals for developmental, dental, vision and/or hearing concerns, as well as family counseling needs.

The following table lists some of the current (11/02) CHAP financial guidelines for the 100% and 133% poverty levels based on monthly income.

Family Size	Poverty Level	
	100%	133%
2	\$1,010	\$1,343
3	\$1,272	\$1,692
4	\$1,534	\$2,040
5	\$1,795	\$2,387

Children born to Medicaid eligible pregnant women are eligible for Medicaid for the first year of life regardless of changes in income level of the family. These children are automatically eligible for the "Healthy Kids" program. If your family is eligible for "Healthy Kids," you may also be eligible for WIC, a food supplement program for women and children. Call your local Community Resource number

(below) or ask your service coordinator for more information.

## Nevada Check✓ Up

The current maximum monthly income to qualify for Nevada Check✓ Up is:

Family Size	Income
2	\$1,935
3	\$2,438
4	\$2,941
5	\$3,445

The program does not require the participants to pay co-payments for any services provided, however, quarterly premiums ranging from \$10 to \$50 are charged, based on family size and income. To apply, the head of the household must complete the one page (two-sided) application and must provide proof of income. You may request an application by calling 1-800-360-6044 or ask your service coordinator to help you.

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## Community Resource Numbers

Carson City	(775) 684-0800
Elko	(775) 753-1233
Ely	(775) 289-1650
Fallon	(775) 423-3161
Hawthorne	(775) 945-3602
Henderson	(702) 486-5000
Las Vegas - Belrose	(702) 486-1675
Las Vegas - Cambridge	(702) 486-8770
Las Vegas - Cannon/DI Center	(702) 486-8504
Las Vegas - Owens	(702) 486-1800
Las Vegas - S. Professional Dev. Ctr.	(702) 486-1401
Pahrump	(775) 751-7400
Reno - North Professional Dev. Ctr.	(775) 448-5238
Reno District	(775) 684-7200
Winnemucca	(775) 623-6557
Yerington	(775) 463-3028

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